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According to Ministry Justice announcement May 2, Yugoslav and Austrian governments presented questions on Nazi war criminals to Eichmann April 30 under legal aid agreements. Eichmann declined answer adding he was following advice his counsel. Press reports added two Yugoslav representatives - professor Weiss, expert in criminal law and Mr. Yurman of Foreign Ministry - participated personally in questioning. Same reports added Yugoslavs were specifically interested in Andre Artukovic, whom they have been trying in vain extradite from United States, where he has resided in California for past 12 years. Austrian government, according press, requested testimony on Dr. Ernest Rajakowitch (also identified as Erich Raze), member Eichmann's department and officer in SS. Embassy endeavoring obtain information.

Comment: Questions were reportedly submitted to Eichmann few hours after he had been visited by his wife for first time since his capture and when he may have been expected to be in pliant mood. However, Eichmann may believe his chances of escape execution may be improved if he able at some future time trade his knowledge of Nazi personalities.

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